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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE AMBASSADOR

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TAGS OVIP (MRS. CARTER)

SUBJECT: PROPOSED VISIT BY MRS. CARTER

REF: (A) STATE 091972, (B) BRASILIA 2801

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REF (A), I WILL AWAIT FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR A FOLLOW-UP APPROACH TO FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA. INCIDENTALLY, HE ASKED ME ON FRIDAY, APRIL 22, IF I HAD HAD ANY WORD ON MRS. CARTER'S VISIT, ADDING THAT, "AS I KNEW", THE GOB WOULD BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE HER. I REPLIED THAT I HAD AS YET RECEIVED NOTHING FURTHER AND THAT THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL HAD EXPLAINED CAREFULLY TO ME THE GOB POSITION.

2. MEANWHILE, I SHOULD LIKE TO RECOMMEND THAT MRS. CARTER VISIT ONE MORE COUNTRY GOVERNED BY A MILITARY REGIME IN SOUTH AMERICA, PREFERABLY PERU, BUT POSSIBLY ECUADOR. THE PROBLEM I FORESEE IS THAT THERE ARE APT TO BE MISINTERPRETATIONS IN BRAZIL, IN OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE CONTINENT AND PERHAPS EVEN IN THE US, OF THE FACT THAT HER ITINERARY INCLUDES FOUR DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED GOVERNMENTS AND THE ONLY AUTHORITARIAN MILITARY GOVERNMENT TO WHICH SHE WILL BE LENDING HER PRESTIGE WILL BE ONE THAT HAS MOVED VERY RECENTLY, AND QUITE POSSIBLY MAY CONTINUE TO MOVE,

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TOWARD A MORE CLOSED POLITICAL SYSTEM RATHER THAN A MORE OPEN ONE. ATTENTION COULD BE CALLED TO THE CONTRAST WITH THE THRUST OF THE RELEVANT PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDRESS TO THE OAS.

3. A STOP IN LIMA OR QUITO WOULD DILUTE THESE POSSIBLE NEGATIVE EFFECTS. THE GOP AND THE GOE, IT SEEMS TO ME ARE MILITARY GOVERNMENTS THAT ARE MOVING TOWARD GREATER OPENNESS. MOREOVER,

NEITHER HAS HAD BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN THE PAST OF THE
KIND THAT EXISTED HERE UNTIL THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF OR SO.
NEITHER, SO FAR AS I CAN TELL, HAS REACTED ANYWHERE NEARLY SO
NEGATIVELY TOWARD THE GENERAL HUMAN RIGHTS POSTURE OF THE ADMINIS-
TRATION AS HAS THE GOB. THE INCLUSION OF PERU OR ECUADOR WOULD
MAKE THE VISIT TO BRAZIL QUITE NATURAL AND NOT EXCEPTIONAL.

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